

BABY'S FIRST
PATTERNS:
A BOOK FOR NEWBORNS
AND INFANTS

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Dedicated to Derek

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"Invest in the future; have a child and teach her well."

- Unknown

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

This book was created based on well-published scientific findings that a newborn baby is well equipped to see and hear, even moments after birth. Their sight, however, is limited to about 8 to 10 inches from their faces and they typically can only make out shadows, shapes, and faces. They are especially interested in Mom's and Dad's faces and in patterns involving high contrast colors like black and white.

I have noticed my own newborn son analyzes the light seeping through the horizontal slat blinds by the window on sunny days and also watches the tree branches sway in the breeze from our porch. When I sing or talk softly to him during these moments, he will typically keep an interest in these patterns for longer periods of time. Hence, I created this book of visual and audible patterns for him and other newborns.

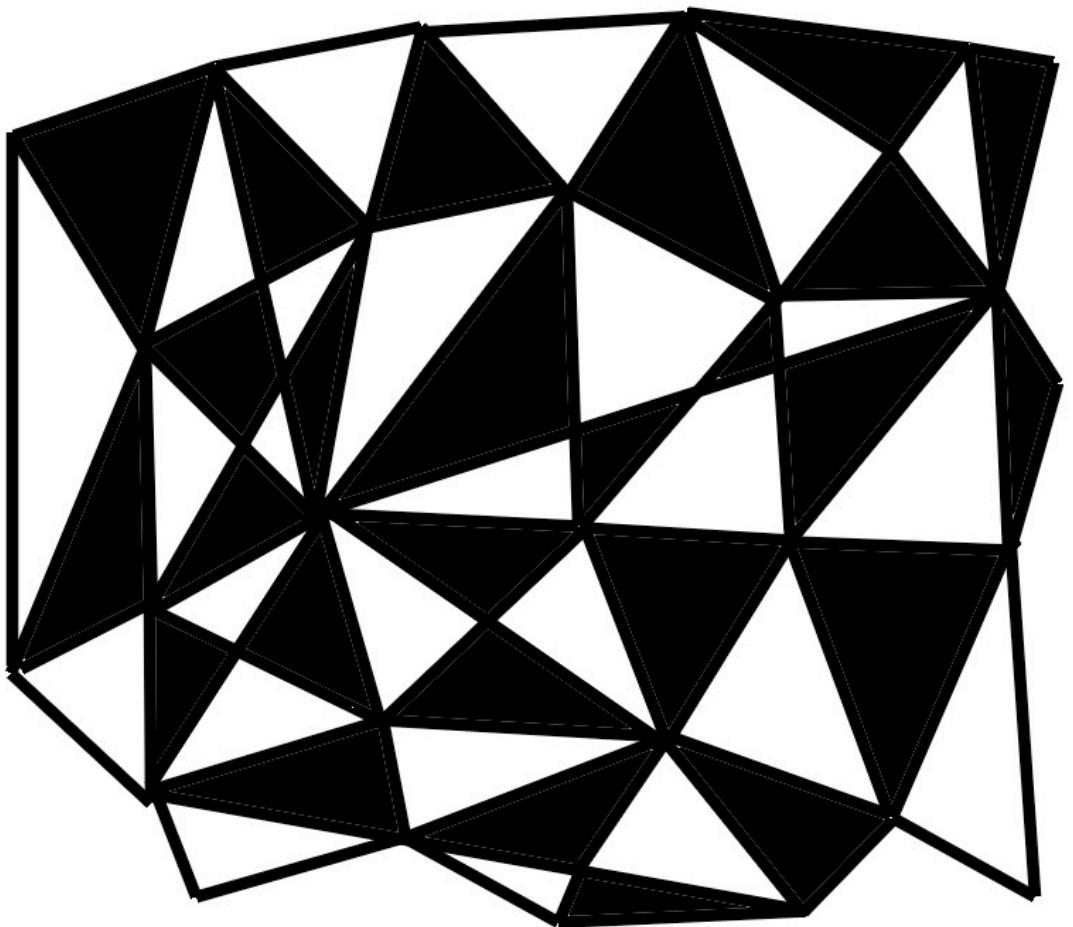
This book should provide you with another way to socialize with your newborns and to interest them in the new sights and sounds around them. When you read or sing the phrases written in this book, be sure to face the corresponding image towards your newborn. The rhythms of the verses in your familiar and soothing parental voice and the high contrasted images may well increase their attention and hone their natural desire to learn through their senses. Reading to your newborn is proven to be an important step in their development. It becomes a method of social bonding and increases their desire to learn. Even if their interest wanes after a single verse, as they grow older and become more familiar with patterns both in the images and in your voice, you may well find a new connection to your newborn. They are constantly listening and trying to identify patterns, setting the foundation for learning a new language. When I read and sing this book to my son, I see him soaking in these patterns. Even as he gets a few months older, I see him smile and giggle. And apart from any developmental reasons for this book, it is just simply a great way to spend more time with your newborn. Enjoy every moment!

TRIANGLES

ONE TWO THREE
SIDES WE SEE
WHAT COULD THEY BE ?

A PIECE OF PIE ?
PART OF DAD'S TIE ?
OR WINGS UPON WHICH TO FLY ?

THERE'S BLACK ONES
AND WHITE ONES
WELL, THERE'S JUST TONS

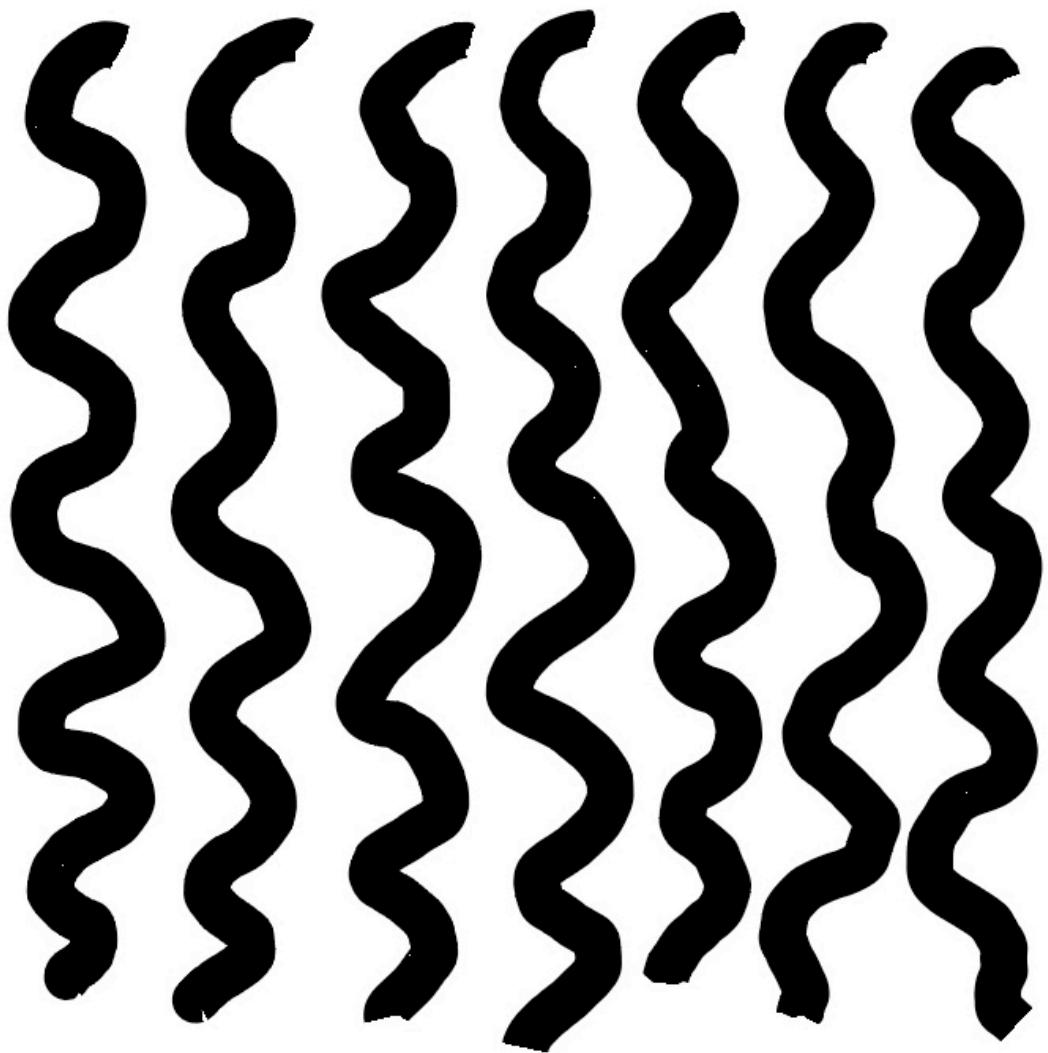


WAVES

LINES SO CURVY
SO TOPSY TURVY
WHAT COULD THEY BE ?

WATER IN THE SEA ?
STEAM FROM MOM'S TEA ?
OR HAIR LONG AND CURLY ?

FROM THE TOP THEY FLOW
MAYBE FAST MAYBE SLOW
ALL IN A ROW

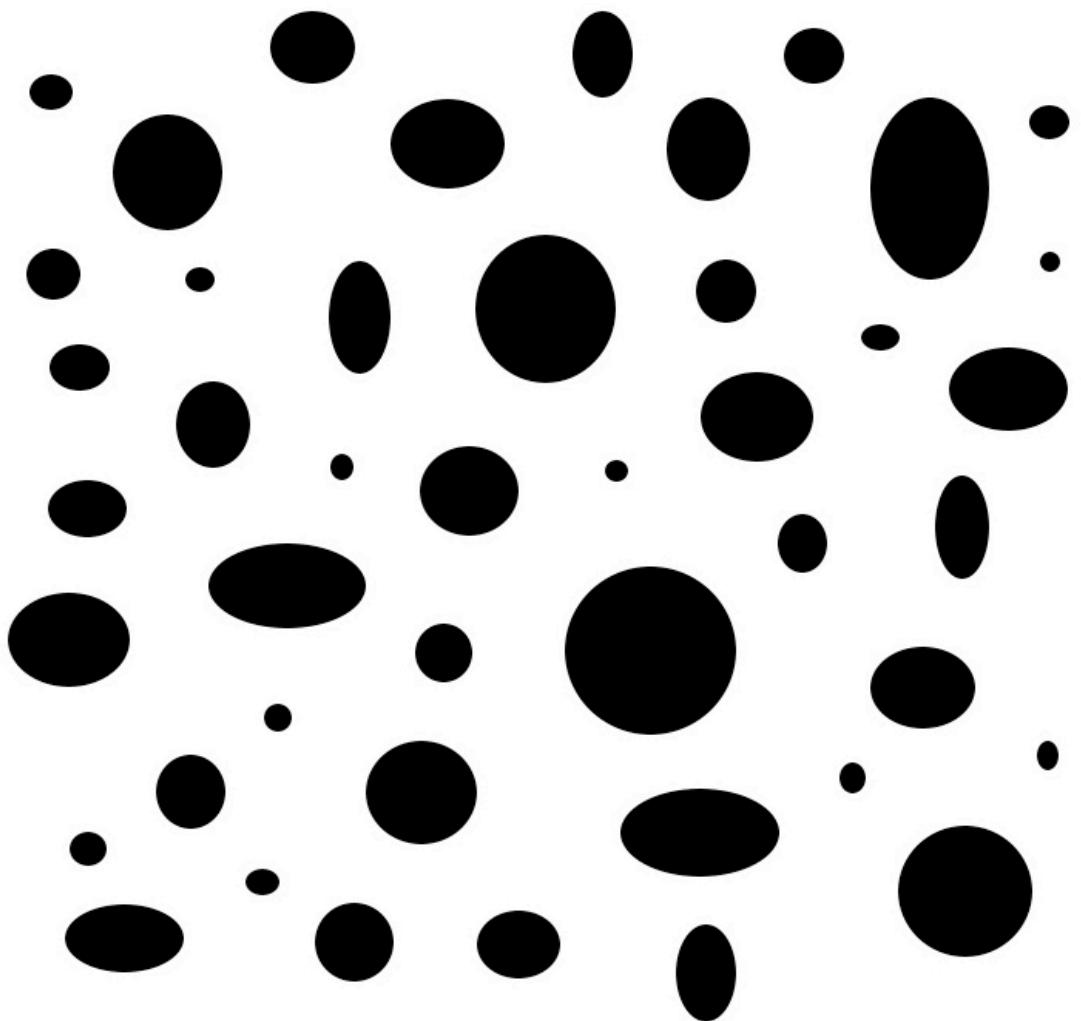


SPOTS

SPOTS ARE A PLENTY
BEFORE YOU AND ME
WHAT COULD THEY BE ?

COINS IN A FOUNTAIN ?
STONES ON A MOUNTAIN ?
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN COUNT 'EM

MAYBE THEY'RE RAIN DROPS
OR THE TOPS OF SPINNING TOPS
OR A MESS TO CLEAN WITH MOPS

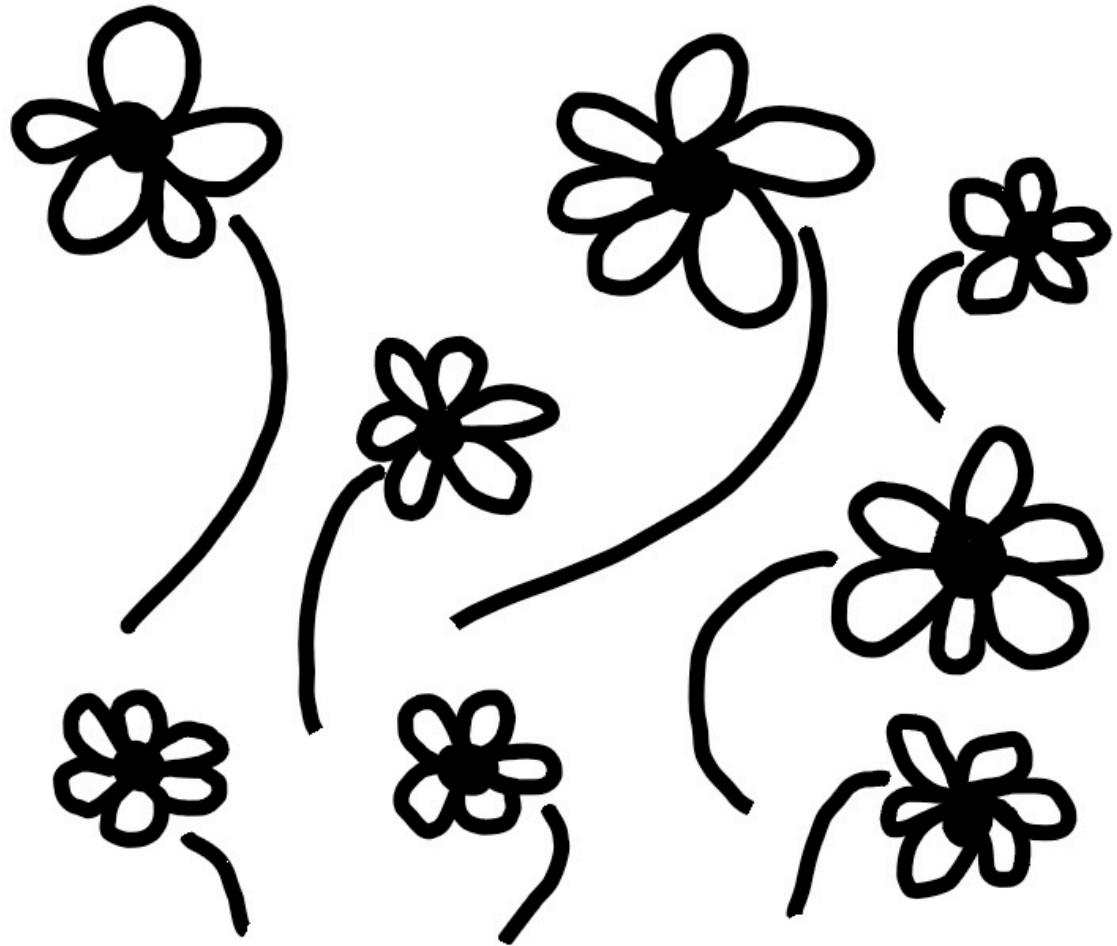


FLOWERS

LIKE A BUMBLE BEE
FLOWERS WE SEE
WHERE ELSE COULD THEY BE ?

IN A FLOWER POT ?
IN A GARDEN PLOT ?
IT LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE A LOT

FLOWERS SMELL GREAT
AND VARY STATE TO STATE
AND CAN DECORATE A GATE

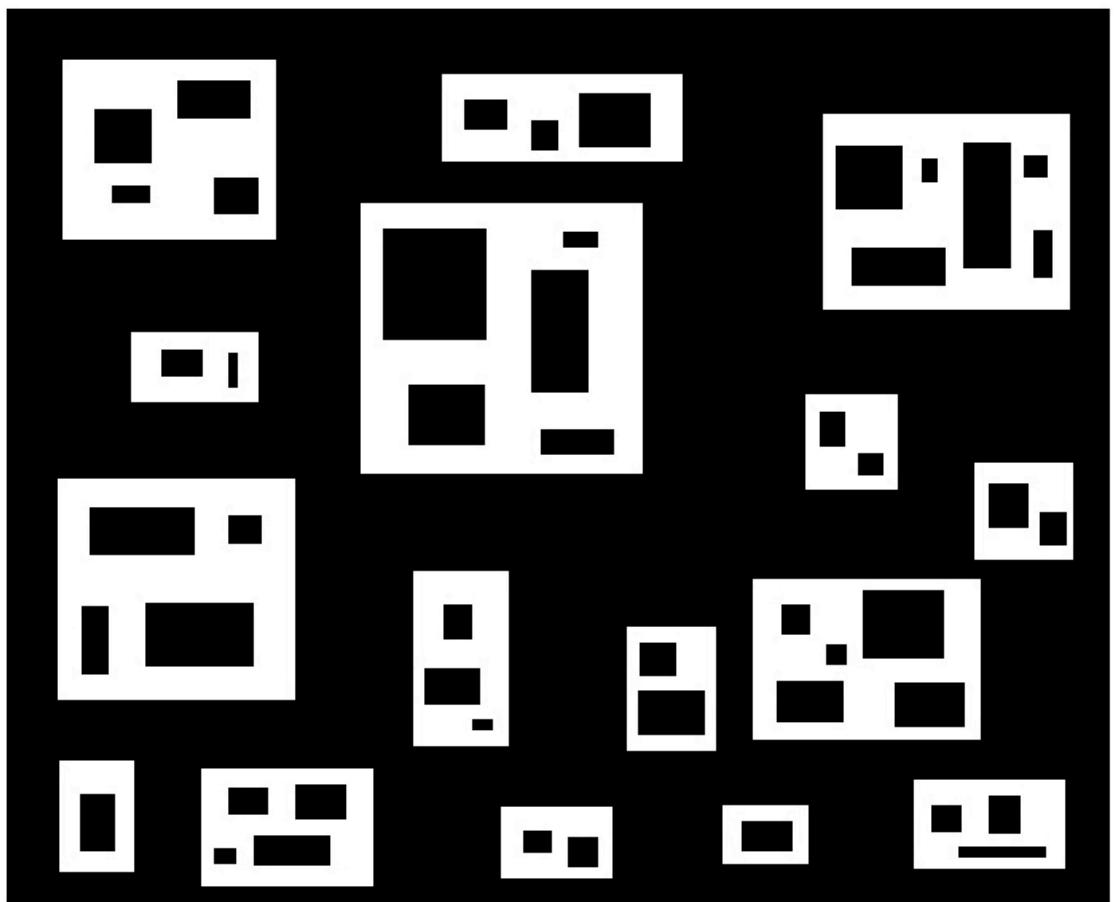


RECTANGLES

ONE TWO THREE FOUR
SIDES NO MORE
WHAT COULD THEY BE FOR ?

COULD THEY MAKE A BOX ?
COULD THEY HOLD YOUR SOCKS ?
DO THEY LOOK LIKE DOCKS ?

THEY CAN LOOK LIKE A BOOK
OR PANS IN WHICH TO COOK
OR PHOTOS THAT WE TOOK

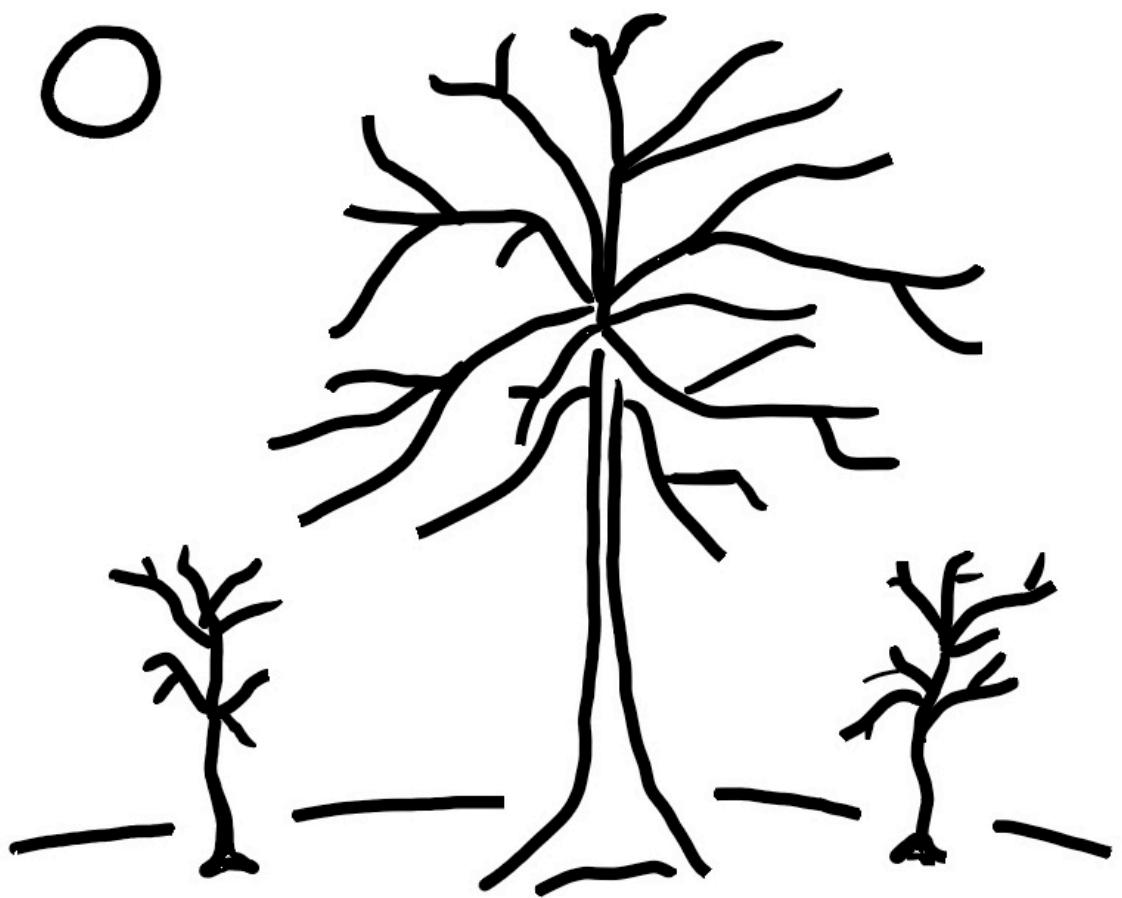


TREES

WHAT A SIGHT TO SEE
IN A FOREST YOU AND ME
WHAT COULD LIVE BY A TREE ?

DOES A BIRD BUILD A NEST ?
DO SQUIRRELS LIKE IT BEST ?
MAYBE A BEAR AND HIS GUEST ?

BUGS LIVE UNDER THE BARK
WOODPECKERS LEAVE THEIR MARK
AND OWLS HOOT IN THE DARK

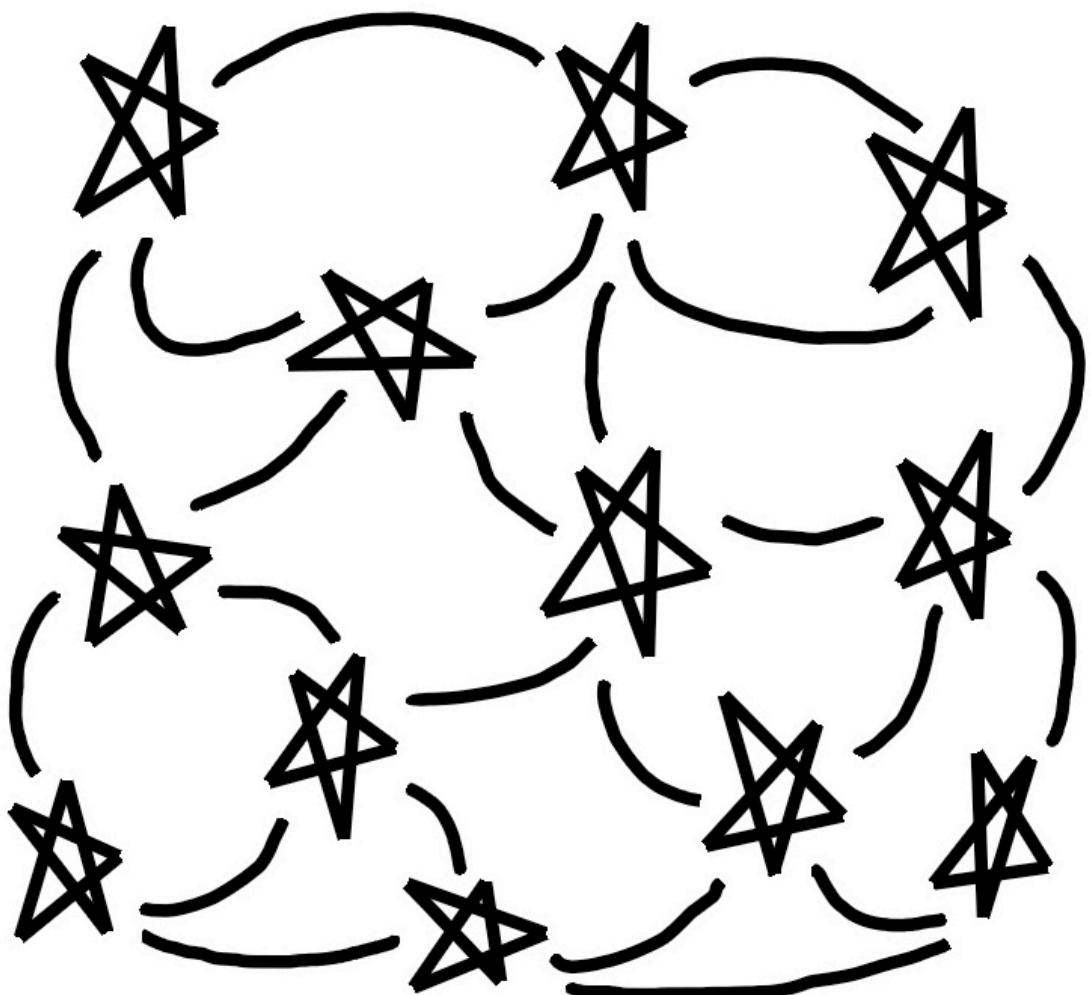


STARS

THROUGH THE CLOUDS WE SEE
A TWINKLE COULD IT BE ?
WHAT'S IN A SKY SO FREE ?

MAYBE THE SUN AT NOON ?
AND WHAT ELSE VERY SOON ?
WHY THAT MUST BE THE MOON

PLANETS SHARE THEIR SKY
COMETS ZOOM ON BY
AND THE ROCKETS FLY



SNAILS

SPIRALS GO ROUND AND ROUND
INSIDE A SNAIL CAN BE FOUND
WHAT IS A SNAIL AROUND ?

IS THE GARDEN WITHIN REACH ?
COULD A SNAIL BE BY THE BEACH ?
ONE BY ONE EACH BY EACH ?

SNAILS TRAVEL SO SLOW
AND LIVE UNDER ROCKS BELOW
WHERE DO THEY GO ?



MUSIC

WHAT IS THAT I HEAR ?
IT MAKES US SMILE AND TEAR
IT'S MUSIC SO HAVE NO FEAR

ARE THERE NOTES ON THE PAGE ?
DO WE HEAR IT ON STAGE ?
MUSIC IS HERE AGE AFTER AGE

CAN YOU BANG A GONG ?
OR MAYBE SING A SONG ?
MELODIES SHORT AND LONG

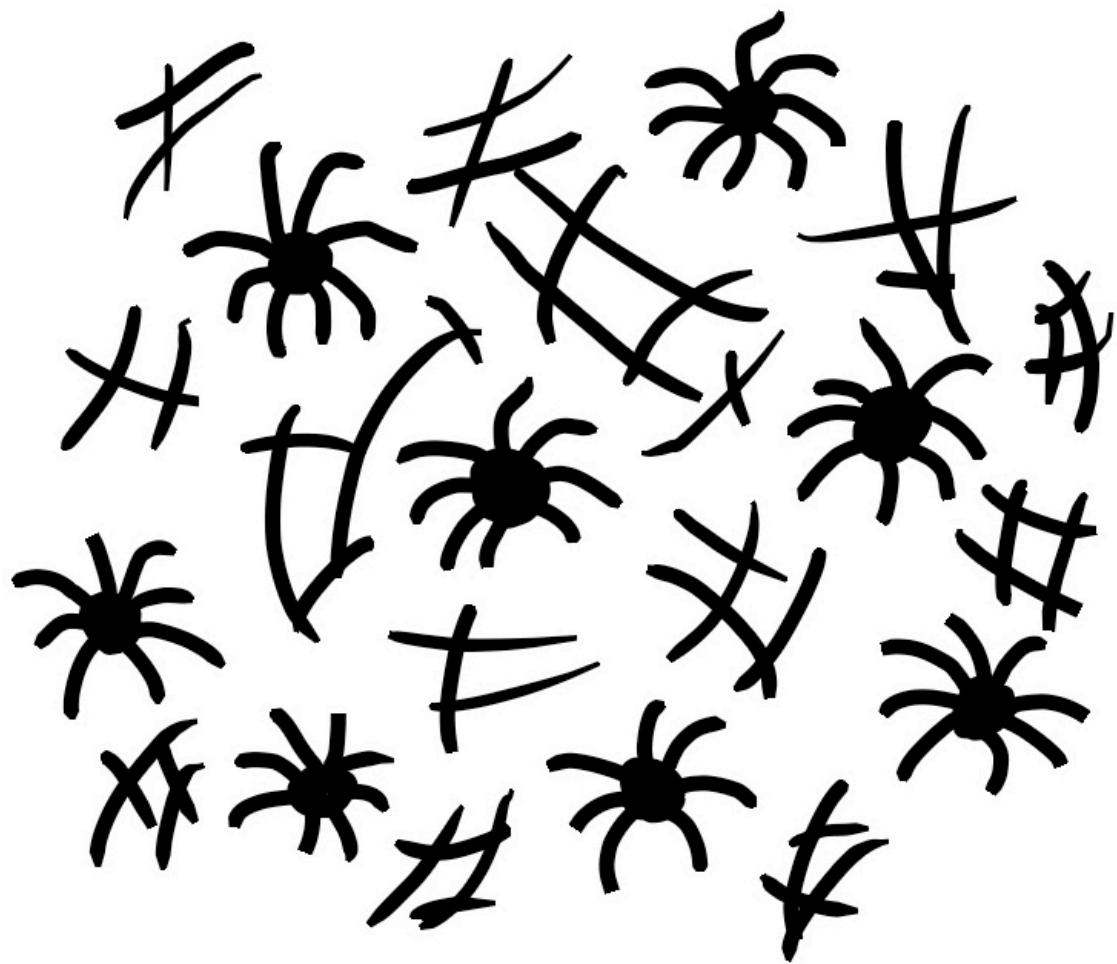


SPIDERS

SPIDERS SIT ON A WATER CAN
UPON THEIR WEBS THEY RAN
WHAT COULD BE THEIR PLAN ?

DO THEY SIT IN THE SUN ?
ARE THEY ALMOST DONE ?
THEY JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN

EIGHT LEGS IN ALL
THEY CREEP AND CRAWL
UP AND DOWN THE WALL

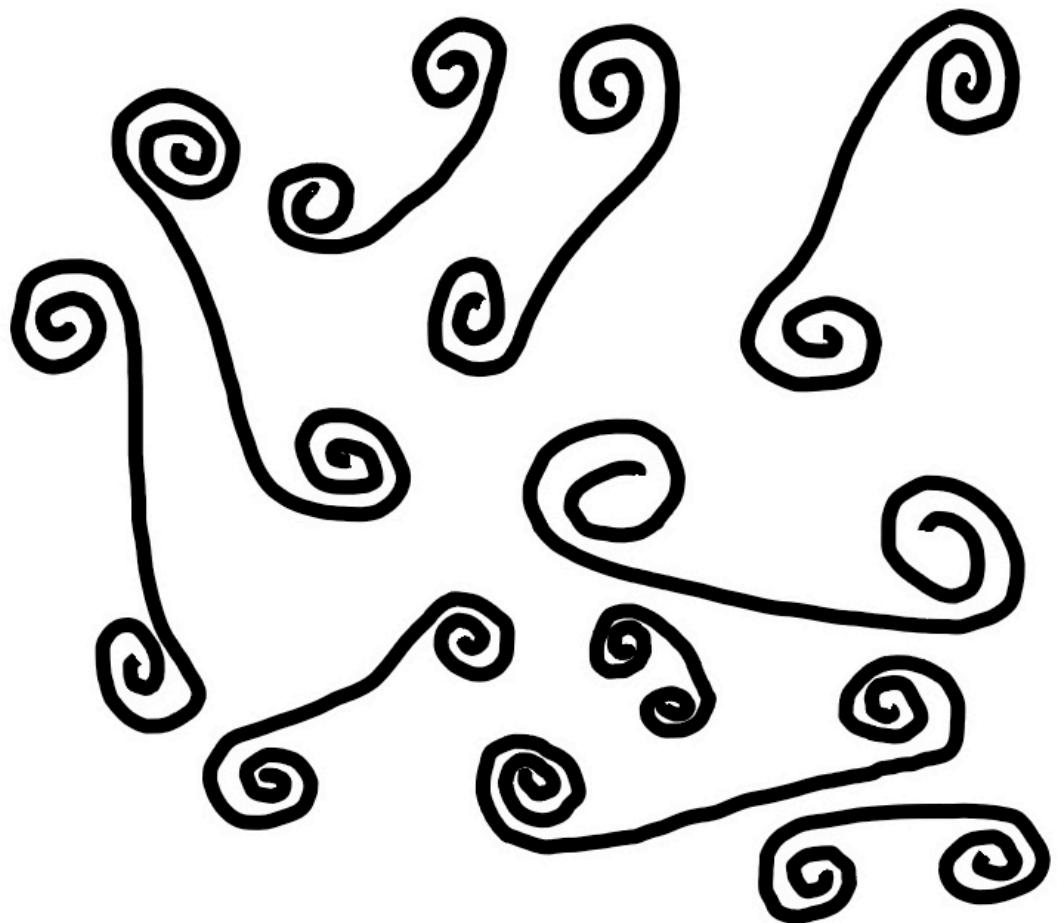


RIBBONS

RIBBONS WRAP IT UP TIGHT
THEY MAKE A PRESENT RIGHT
WHAT CAN WE WRAP TONIGHT ?

WHAT GIFT SHOULD I GIVE YOU ?
WRAPPED IN RIBBON SO BLUE
AND A RED AND WHITE BOW TOO

RIBBONS MAKE A GIFT BRIGHT
YOU CAN SEE THEM ON A KITE
IN COLORS BOTH DARK AND LIGHT



KITES

KITES SOAR IN THE SKY
UP IN THE AIR SO HIGH
TO WHERE WILL THEY FLY ?

WILL THE STRING BE TIGHT ?
WILL IT BE A GOOD FLIGHT ?
TRY AS HIGH AS YOU MIGHT

KITES CAN BE BIG OR SMALL
DON'T LET IT FALL
AND WE'LL HAVE A BALL

